

Tax and Revenue Department Will Hold Week Long Free Seminar on White-Collar Crimes Investigations

SANTA FE – State Taxation & Revenue Secretary Demesia Padilla announced today that tax fraud investigators will hold a week-long seminar on how to detect and unravel complex white collar financial crimes of embezzlement, tax evasion, public corruption and more. The seminar will be held from April 25 through April 29 in Las Cruces at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

“The number of criminal investigations involving complex financial transactions has increased over the past years in our state,” said Padilla. “This workshop is designed to help law enforcement officials, prosecutors and auditors to polish their investigative skills as financial crimes become more and more complex and sophisticated.”

This seminar is limited to 50 participants from federal, state and local governmental agencies only. The seminar being conducted by the Department’s Tax Fraud Investigations Division is free of charge and the participants are enrolled on a first come, first serve basis. This is the eighth time the seminar has been presented since the Tax Fraud Investigations Division was created in 2003.

The lead instructors for the seminar are Alvan Romero, Director, and James Maes, Deputy Director of the Tax Fraud Investigations Division. Both are retired IRS-Criminal Investigation Special Agents, Certified Public Accountants, Certified Fraud Examiners and Certified in Financial Forensics experts. They have presented Financial Investigations Seminars for the past 30 years to over 1,200 New Mexico law enforcement officers and prosecutors from federal, state and local agencies.

Other guest presenters will be: Jody R. Curran, Chief Prosecutor, Regulations and Licensing Department; JoHanna Cox, Deputy District Attorney, First Judicial District Attorney’s Office; Aurora Sanchez, Senior Vice President, Chief Operations Officer, First National Bank, Artesia; Danette Sandoval, Criminal Analyst Supervisor, New Mexico State Police Criminal Investigations Section.

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